

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DENVER EAST HIGH SCHOOL'S 'WE THE PEOPLE' NATIONAL FINALS FIRST PLACE WIN

## HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Denver East High School on its first-place finish in the 2019 national finals of the 'We the People' competition sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. The students and teachers of the Denver East High School team should feel exceptionally proud of this outstanding achievement.

After winning the Colorado statewide 'We the People' competition, Denver East High School traveled here to Washington, D.C. where they prevailed over the competition to bring home first-place. The students of the Denver East High School team demonstrated exceptional skill and character as they worked towards this well-deserved win. I know that the lessons learned, and knowledge gained through this experience will be invaluable to the students throughout their lives and future careers, no matter what path they take.

Each year over 1,200 high school students from across the nation come together to learn about and debate the issues of the day. They participate in simulated congressional hearings, testifying as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees. Students demonstrate their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution as well as a variety of topics connected to our country's historical and political heritage.

Robust civic education is the foundation of our democracy and is key to its future success. Informed citizenship in our youth is a primary factor of this future success. The students who participate in this competition inspire us all to be more informed citizens.

Madam Speaker, I would like to give special recognition to the incredible teachers who led the Denver East High School team. Susan McHugh and Matt Fulford have provided vital mentorship and guidance to these students, and their work with this team is a testament to the quality of teachers we have in the Denver Public school system. The winning team included Sam Anderson, Grant Austin, Kennedy Austin, Jack Beardshear, Max Boubin, Rebecca Chapman, Hayden Christopher, Henry Fox, Jessica Freedberg, Aidan Glennie, Sophie Goldberg, Alexa Goldstein, Ethan Gutterman, Ben Hamik, Anja Hutson, Marco Jimenez, Aiden Kahn, Ballard Kauffman, Madison Moore, Maggie Morrison, Matthew Nekritz, Amelia Nugent, Maddie Parker, Isabella Sanderson, Abby Schuman, Lulu Scully, Ella Snyder, Kacey Tanner, Elena Thoman, and Walker Young. Congratulations to all, and we are all so proud of their wonderful accomplishment. I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. HOWELL BEGLE

## HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the exemplary life of Mr. Howell Begle—a veteran Army captain, lawyer, advocate for R&B singers' rights and my dear friend.

Howell's life was spent in service to his country and helping others. After receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1968, Howell was commissioned a captain in Okinawa and served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. His wife, Julia, would tell you that he was particularly proud of his work in the JAG Corps, defending soldiers who were being tried for minor transgressions like growing their hair too long or neglecting to salute an officer, and explaining the Geneva Convention to soldiers who were being shipped out to fight in Vietnam.

Howell left the Army in 1973 and began working in Washington, D.C. as a successful corporate lawyer specializing in media mergers. His many prestigious clients included the Kennedy Center, the American Film Institute, and the Academy Awards. A lifelong fan of R&B music, Howell began advocating for R&B artists after learning that one of his favorite singers, Ruth Brown, hadn't received royalties from her former record company, Atlantic Records, in decades.

Using his years of experience working in the legal profession, Howell helped Brown pressure Atlantic records to eventually disperse her royalties in 1988—28 years after they were due. Howell's pro bono work led to industrywide royalty reform and Atlantic Records recalculating royalties for its numerous R&B artists, many of whom were African American and living in poverty due to unfair payment practices. That same year, Atlantic Records helped create the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, which gives grants to artists in need. Howell served as the foundation's first executive director.

Howell's work touched many lives, but his most significant accomplishment was the family he loved and cherished. He was deeply committed to his wife Julie, his children Mark, Matthew, Charles and Kristin and his three grandchildren.

In an interview, Howell once told *The Washington Post*: "Too often in one's professional career, you don't get a chance to be on the right side of the right issue." Today, I thank Howell for being on the right side of the right issue and for his years of committed service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Howell Begle's distinguished life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL TIMOTHY HOLMAN

## HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Colonel Timothy Holman of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication and service to our Nation. Colonel Holman will soon transition from his current assignment as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division in the House of Representatives to the Deputy for the Army's Unity and Inclusion Office.

With an impressive and proven record of leadership, including combat tours in Iraq as the Brigade Operations Officer of the 130th Engineer Brigade and in Afghanistan as the Battalion Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion, Tim was chosen to serve as the Chief of the House Liaison Division in 2017 after serving as a Chief of Staff of the Army Senior Fellow with the Center for a New American Security. Colonel Holman's outstanding work led to him being selected as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division. His first-hand knowledge of the military, its culture, and traditions was a tremendous benefit to Army senior leaders and Congressional offices. Tim was especially effective in his service to Members and staff as he escorted them on fact-finding and oversight delegations within the United States and around the world.

Recently, Colonel Holman led a CODEL to the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landing at Normandy, the largest CODEL of this type on record. His expert planning, attention to detail, and love of travel enabled exceptional visits for fifty-eight Members of Congress and their staff. I found him to be a thoughtful, intelligent, and a professional soldier in the best traditions of America's Armed Forces. Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Colonel Holman during his tenure as the Chief of the United States Army House Liaison Division in the House of Representatives.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of a fellow Mississippian, Colonel Timothy Holman, and his wife, B.J. Holman. I wish them the very best.

## TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The American Legion upon its 100th Anniversary.

In 1919, The American Legion was chartered by Congress and founded by veterans of

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